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SUBJECT: KISSINGER-VIGNES BILATERAL: SUPPLEMENTARY TALKING

POINTS FOR APRIL 16 MEETING

USUN FOR JERRY BREMER

1. OUR BRANCH PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER IN CORDOBA, ALFRED LAUN, WAS KIDNAPPED ON FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 12, BY MEMBERS OF THE EXTREMIST PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). SOME 14 HOURS LATER LAUN WAS RELEASED WITH A SERIOUS GUNSHOT WOUND IN THE LOWER ABDOMEN. HE UNDERWENT SURGERY AND IS REPORTED TO BE IN FAIR CONDITION IN A CORDOBA HOSPITAL. THE POLICE HAVE LAUNCHED AN INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR LAUN'S ABDUCTORS.

2. MINISTER VIGNES MAY EXPRESS THE REGRETS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OVER THIS INCIDENT. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A. WE ARE, OF COURSE, CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS CASE.

B. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATIFIED BY THE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION GIVEN US BY ALL THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES INVOLVED.

C. MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF HAVE VISITED LAUN AND HAVE REPORTED THAT HE IS RECEIVING EXCELLENT MEDICAL ATTENTION. RUSH

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